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(54) **OPTIMIZED SYNCHRONIZATION
PREAMBLE STRUCTURE**

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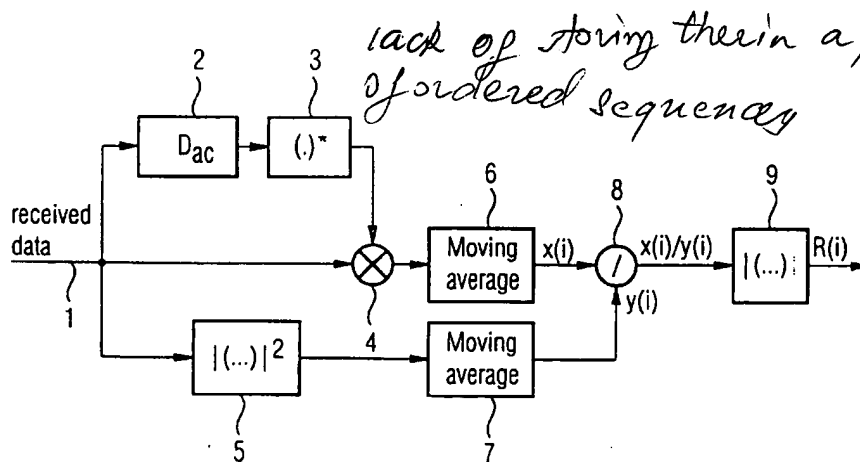
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

This proposal describes an optimized synchronization (SYNCH) symbol sequence to be used in transmission systems, which are currently under standardization. The synchronization symbol is constructed using specially designed OFDM (orthogonal frequency division multiplexing) symbols with an optimized sequence, which is mapped onto the modulated subcarriers. The resulting synchronization symbol consists of several repetitions in the time domain. Using the proposed sequence the resulting synchronization symbol achieves a high timing detection and frequency offset estimation accuracy. Furthermore the burst is optimized to achieve a very low envelope fluctuation (low Peak-to-Average Power Ratio) and a very low dynamic range to reduce complexity on the receiver and to save time and frequency acquisition time in the receiver. The proposed sequence is furthermore optimized with respect to all other synchronization symbols that are used to construct the synchronization and training preambles for the BCCH-DLCHs.

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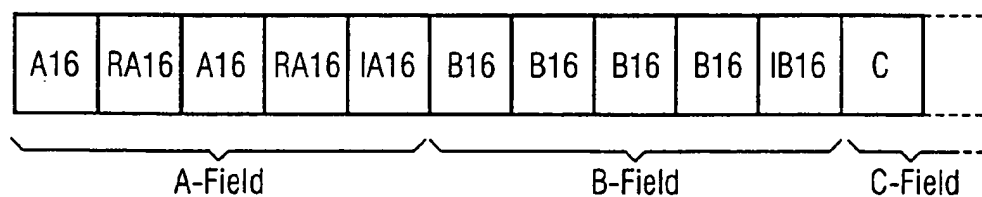
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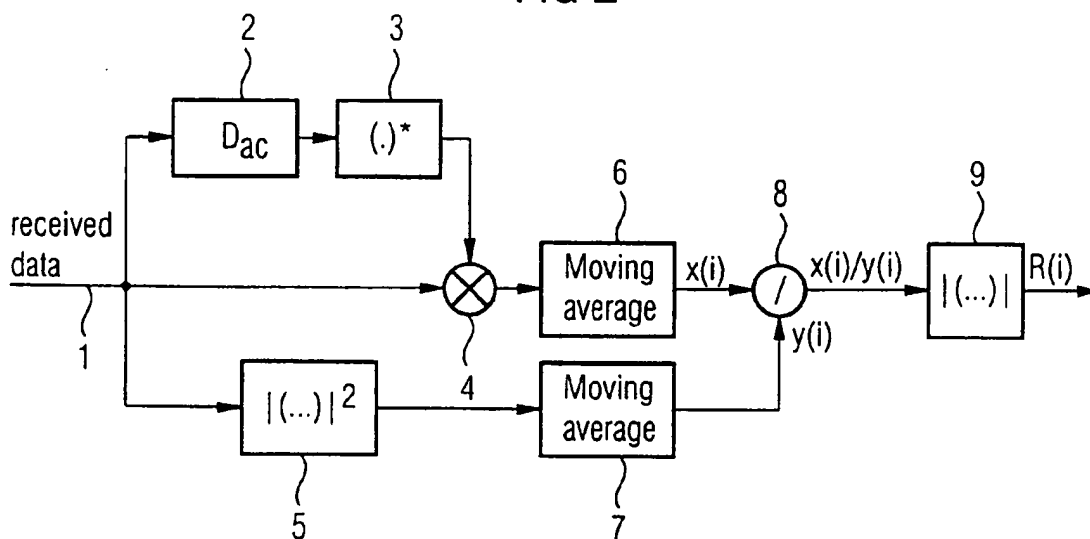
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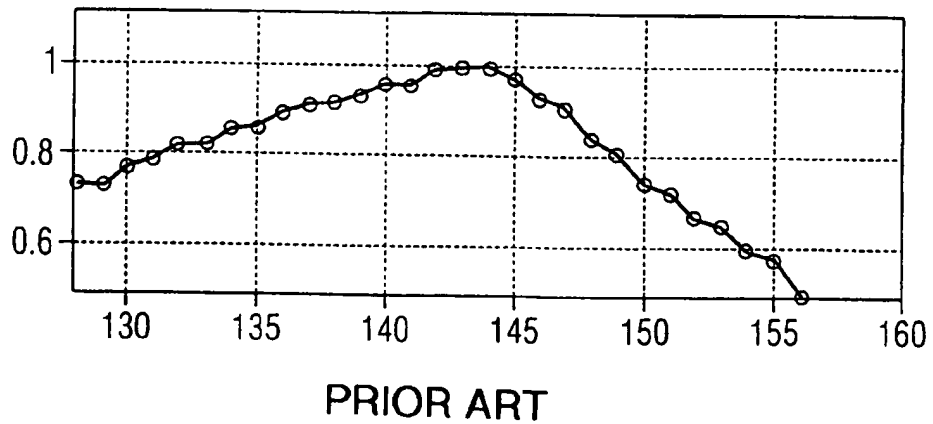
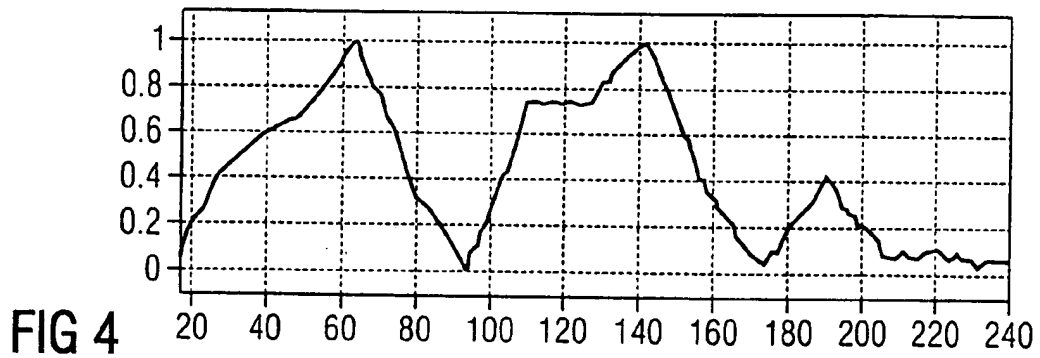
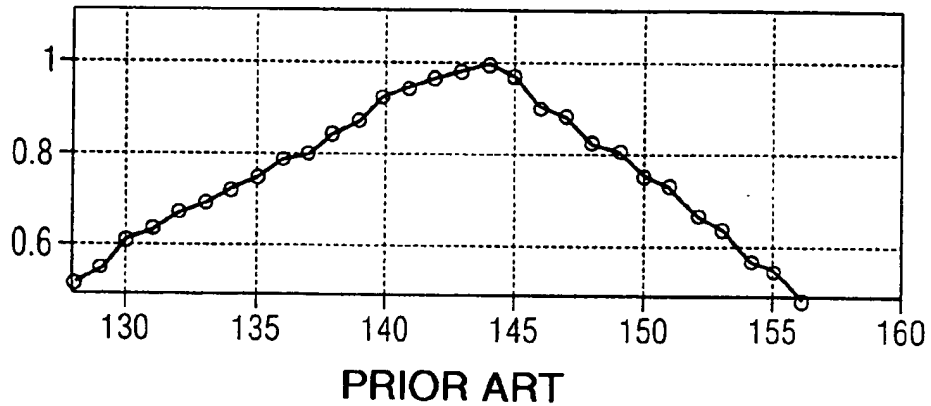
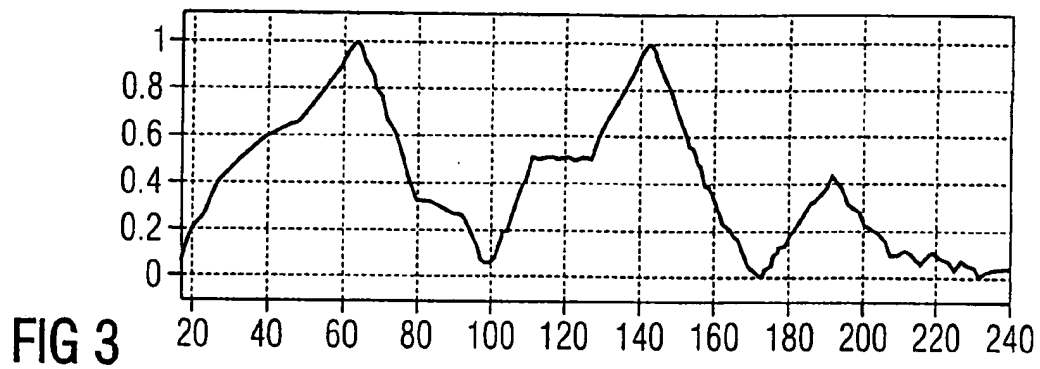
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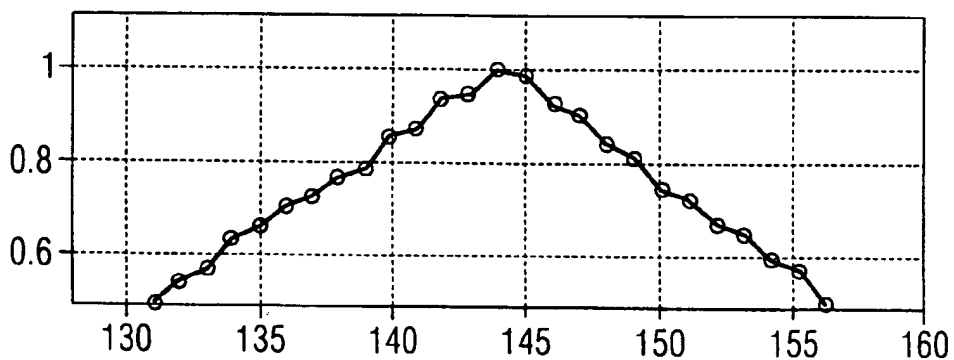
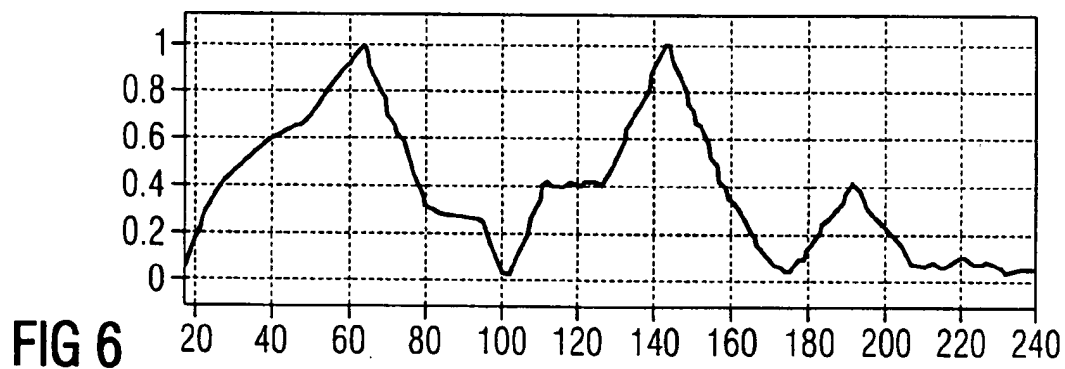
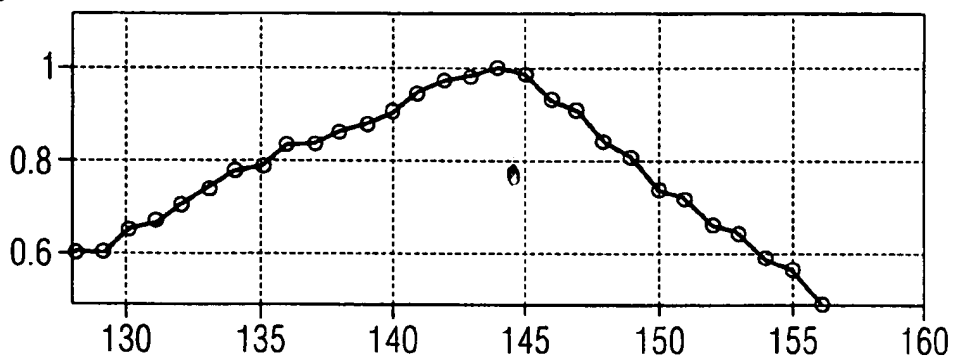
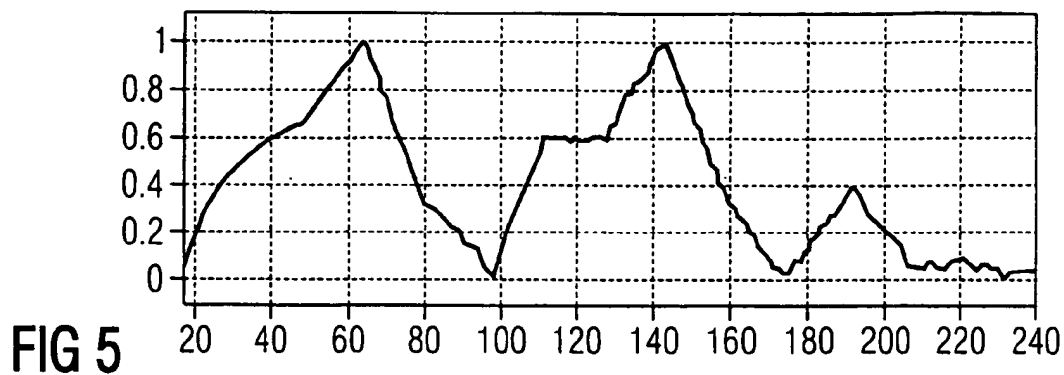
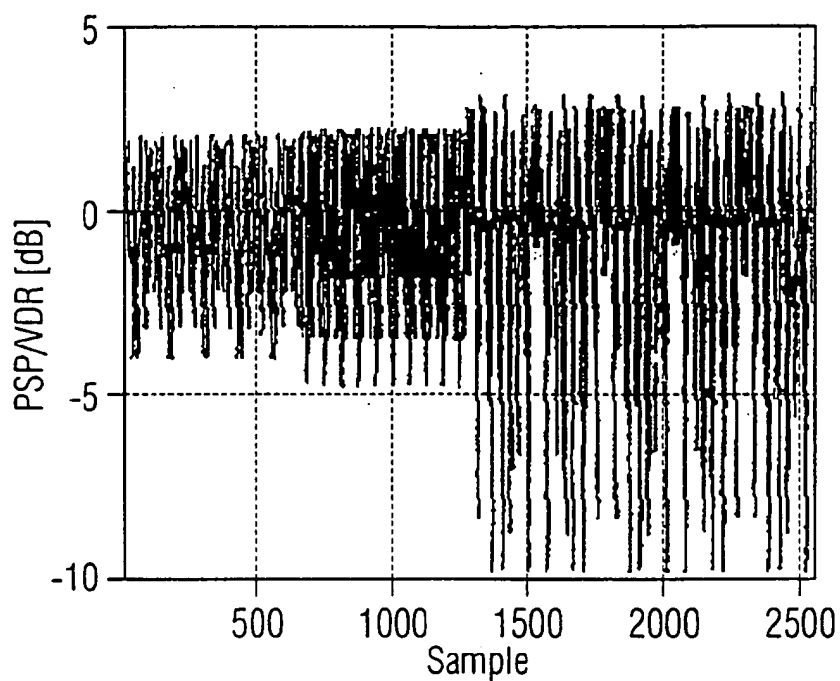


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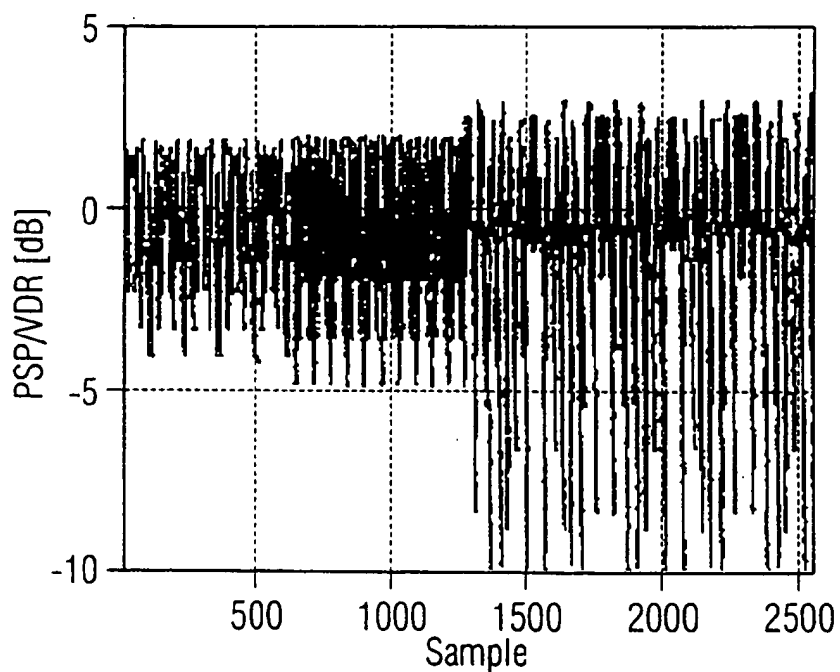
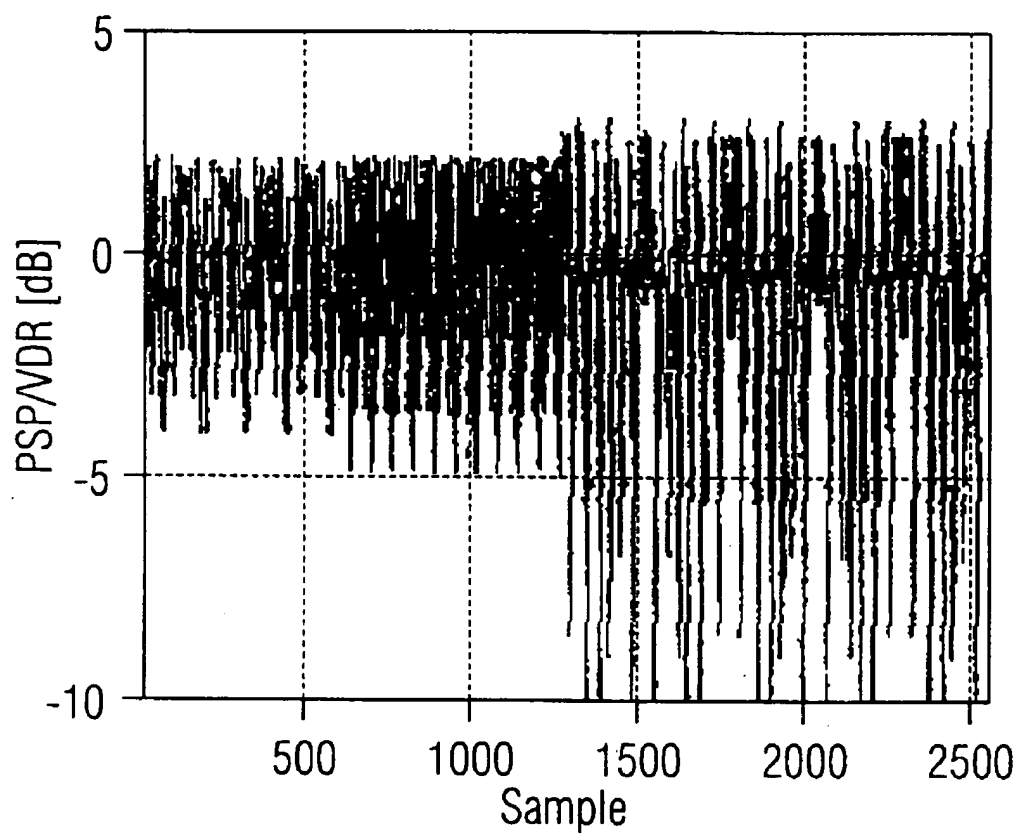


FIG 9



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The above set forth latest proposed B-FIELD and A-FIELD combination has a disadvantage that when using the new B-FIELD no optimization has to be made in the A-FIELD in order to prove the auto-correlation properties of the corresponding receiver synchronization. The sequence to be used in the A-FIELD should additionally have a minimum Peak-to-Average-Power-Ratio (PAPR) and a small dynamic range (DR).

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In view of the above disadvantages of the prior art, it is the object of the present invention to propose A-FIELD sequences which are optimized regarding the time domain signal properties.

It is a further object of the present invention to propose A-FIELD sequences which are optimized regarding the resulting auto-correlation based receiver synchronization characteristics when using the latest proposed B-FIELD sequence.

According to a first aspect of the present invention therefore a preamble structure for the synchronization of a receiver of a OFDM transmission system is proposed. The preamble comprises at least one first part. The at least one first part is designed f.e. for a coarse frame detection and/or a AGC control. The at least one first part contains inverse fast fourier transformed frequency domain sequences of complex symbols. The time domain signal of synchronization preamble is generated by mapping frequency domain sequences of 12 complex symbols to a 64-point IFFT according to the following scheme:

$$S_{-26,26} = \sqrt{2} * \{0,0,0,0,S1,0,0,0,S2,0,0,0,S3,0,0,0,S4,0,0,0,S5,0,0,0,S6,0,0,0,S7,0,0,0,S8,0,0,0,S9,0,0,0,S10,0,0,0,S11,0,0,0,S12,0,0,0\},$$

wherein the remaining valued are set to zero.

The frequency domain sequence S_k of the at least one first part (with the appropriate A-FIELD mapping as set forth above) is one of

$$\begin{aligned} S1 \dots S12 &= +A, +A, +A, +A, +A, -A, -A, +A, +A, -A, +A, -A \\ S1 \dots S12 &= +A, +A, +A, +A, -A, -A, +A, +A, -A, +A, -A, +A \\ S1 \dots S12 &= +A, +B, -A, -B, -A, -B, -A, -B, -A, +B, +A, -B \\ S1 \dots S12 &= +A, +B, -A, -B, +A, -B, +A, -B, +A, -B, -A, +B \\ S1 \dots S12 &= +A, -B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, +B, +A, +B, \\ \text{or} \\ S1 \dots S12 &= +A, -B, -A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, -A, -B \end{aligned}$$

or an order reversed modification thereof.

The above sequences are also advantageous in case a preamble structure having only one part is used as the time domain signal properties are already improved by said sequences alone.

A second part (B-field) can be provided, wherein the frequency domain sequence of the at least one second part corresponds to the above captioned latest proposed B-field sequence, i.e.:

$$S_B = (1+j), (-1-j), (1+j), (-1-j), (-1-j), (1+j), (-1-j), (-1-j), (1+j), (1+j), (1+j), (1+j).$$

Particularly the A-field sequences

$$S1 \dots S12 = +A, -B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, +B, +A, +B, \\ \text{or}$$

$$S1 \dots S12 = +A, -B, -A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, -A, -B$$

or an order reversed modification thereof, in combination with said B-field sequence result in improved autocorrelation characteristics.

The at least one second part can follow the at least one first part in the time domain.

According to a further aspect of the present invention an OFDM transmitter designed for transmitting a synchroniza-

tion preamble as set forth in the BCCH channel of an OFDM system is provided.

According to a still further aspect of the present invention a method for the synchronization of a receiver of a OFDM transmission system is provided.

Further advantages, features and objects of the present invention will become evident for the man skilled in the art by means of the following description of embodiments of the present invention taken into conjunction with the figures 10 of the enclosed drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows the general structure of a known synchronization preamble,

FIG. 2 shows the general concept of an auto-correlation technique,

FIG. 3 shows a correlation result achieved with sequences according to the prior art,

FIG. 4 shows an auto-correlation result achieved when using the latest proposed B-FIELD sequence in combination with the A-FIELD sequence according to the prior art,

FIG. 5 shows the auto-correlation performance when using a first modified BCCH preamble according to the present invention,

FIG. 6 shows the auto-correlation performance of a modified BCCH preamble according to another embodiment of the present invention,

FIG. 7 shows a time domain signal (power) of the known preamble,

FIG. 8 shows the time domain signal achieved by means of a modified A-FIELD according to the present invention, and

FIG. 9 shows the time domain signal (power) achieved by means of a modified A-FIELD according to another embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The following sequence generation rules for the A-FIELD are suggested which all achieve optimum PAPR and DR. Later on a subset is used which is selected with respect to optimized auto-correlation performance in conjunction with the B-FIELD:

The use of the following A-FIELD sequences already improves the time domain signal properties (PAPR, DR, etc.):

$$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +A, +A, +A, +A, -A, -A, +A, +A, -A, +A, -A$$

$$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +A, +A, +A, -A, -A, +A, +A, -A, +A, -A, +A$$

$$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +B, -A, -B, -A, -B, -A, -B, -A, +B, +A, -B$$

$$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +B, -A, -B, +A, -B, +A, -B, +A, -B, -A, +B$$

$$S1 \dots S12 = +A, -B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, +B, +A, +B$$

$$S1 \dots S12 = +A, -B, -A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, -A, -B$$

with $A = \exp(j * 2 * \pi * \phi_A)$ and

$$B = A * \exp(j * \frac{\pi}{2}) = \exp(j * 2 * \pi * \phi_A + j * \frac{\pi}{2})$$

and $0.0 \leq \phi_A < 1.0$.

More sequences can be generated by reversing the sequence order, this means replace S1 by S12, replace S2 by S11, ..., replace S12 by S1. Note that the first two sequence kernels are binary, the rest are quaternary sequence kernels.

These sequences are advantageous also in case a preamble with only one part is used.

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The following sequences which are a subset of the above A-FIELD sequences are advantageous in combination with the latest proposed B-FIELD sequence regarding the resulting autocorrelation properties:

The following first sequence is especially suitable to be used in field A (with the already explained mapping):

$S1 \dots S12 = (-1+j), (+1+j), (+1-j), (-1-j), (-1+j), (-1-j),$
 $(-1+j), (-1-j), (-1+j), (-1-j), (+1-j), (+1+j).$

The following second sequence that is especially suitable to be used in field A is (with the already explained mapping):

$S1 \dots S12 = (+1-j), (-1+j), (+1-j), (-1+j), (-1+j), (+1-j),$
 $(+1-j), (-1+j), (-1+j), (-1+j), (-1+j), (-1+j).$

This second sequence is especially attractive as it uses only a binary alphabet $(\pm 1)^*(+1-j).$

AC Performance of the Modified BCCH Preamble (First New Proposal for the A-field)

The negative effect shown in FIG. 4 can be avoided if the new proposed sequence is used in the A-FIELD. An optimized matching between A and B-FIELD of the BCCH preamble is achieved and thus the timing accuracy improvement, which is basically achieved through the specified time domain structure, is kept. Two clear single AC amplitude peaks can be identified in the BCCH preamble if the new proposed sequence is used for the generation of the A-FIELD (see FIG. 5).

Furthermore, the slopes on both sides of the B-FIELD peak are very similar (similar gradient on the right and left side of the B-FIELD auto-correlation peak), this effect increases the synchronization accuracy significantly. Additionally a lower plateau can be seen before the AC amplitude peak in field B (samples 110 . . . 130). This effect increases the detection performance, as the plateau-value can be used as a threshold to activate a correlation-peak position detector.

One advantage of this sequence is that both auto-correlation peaks have a very similar shape.

AC Performance of the Modified BCCH Preamble (Second New Proposal for the A-field)

An optimized matching between A and B-FIELD of the BCCH preamble is achieved and thus the timing accuracy improvement, which is basically achieved through the specified time domain structure, is kept. Two clear single AC amplitude peaks can be identified in the BCCH preamble if the new proposed sequence is used for the generation of the A-FIELD (see FIG. 6).

Furthermore, the slopes on both sides of the B-FIELD peak are very similar (similar gradient on the right and left side of the B-FIELD auto-correlation peak), this effect increases the synchronization accuracy significantly. Additionally a lower plateau can be seen before the AC-amplitude peak in field B (samples 110 . . . 130). This effect increases the detection performance, as the plateau-value can be used as a threshold to activate a correlation-peak position detector.

In this case the plateau is even lower as in the first modification and the second auto-correlation peak is very sharp.

Time Domain Signal Properties

For OFDM (or in general multicarrier signals) the signal envelope fluctuation (named Peak-to-Average-Power-Ratio=PAPR) is of great concern. A large PAPR result in poor transmission (due to nonlinear distortion effects of the

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power amplifier) and other signal limiting components in the transmission system (e.g. limited dynamic range of the AD converter). For synchronization sequences it is even more desirable to have signals with a low PAPR and low dynamic range in order to accelerate the receiver AGC (automatic gain control) locking and adjusting the reference signal value for the A/D converter (the whole dynamic range of the incoming signal should be covered by the A/D converter resolution without any overflow/underflow).

Currently Proposed Preamble

FIG. 7 shows the time domain power envelope of the resulting time domain signal for the preamble. The three different fields are clearly visible. Field A and field B have been optimized with respect to the PAPR and DR. 8-times oversampling was considered in order to ensure the peaks were captured correctly.

Preamble With New Proposed A-FIELD and Modified B-FIELD

The synchronization sequence design and preamble structure proposed improve the timing detection due to the joint design/optimization of the A-FIELD and the B-FIELD. However, PAPR and DR properties should not be degraded.

In FIGS. 8 and 9 the two different A-FIELD options and the modified B-FIELD is used and the C-FIELD is maintained. As can be seen there is no degradation with respect to PAPR and DR.

FIG. 8 shows the time domain signal (power) of the preamble with modified A-FIELD (first A proposal)

FIG. 9 shows the time domain signal (power) of the preamble with modified A-field (second A proposal).

The proposal is based on the synchronization and training preambles that are already specified. Optimized sequence are proposed, which are very suitable to generate a preamble or a part (also called field) of it by mapping the sequence to the appropriate subcarriers of an OFDM symbol with a IFFT size of 64. The properties of the proposed sequence with respect to PAPR and dynamic range are equal to the properties of all currently specified sequences.

The new proposed sequences can be especially used for the generation of the A-field of the BCCH preamble, because this new sequence is properly matched to the specified sequence in the B-field of the BCCH preamble. The benefit of our proposal is the improved timing accuracy when the AC result in the B-field of the BCCH preamble is used for synchronization. The time domain structures of the preambles as specified are not touched by this proposal.

Summary of the Advantages

An OFDM based SYNCH symbol is proposed with a reduced Peak-to-Average-Power-Ratio (PAPR)

Improved synchronization performance (timing accuracy compared to current specified preamble) is achieved

No modification of the specified time domain preamble structures is necessary

No extra complexity is needed

This proposal therefore describes an optimized synchronization (SYNCH) symbol sequence to be used in transmission systems, which are currently under standardization. The synchronization symbol is constructed using specially designed OFDM (orthogonal frequency division multiplexing) symbols with an optimized sequence, which is mapped onto the modulated subcarriers. The resulting syn-

chronization symbol consists of several repetitions in the time domain. Using the proposed sequence the resulting synchronization symbol achieves a high timing detection and frequency offset estimation accuracy.

Furthermore the burst is optimized to achieve a very low envelope fluctuation (low Peak-to-Average Power Ratio) and a very low dynamic range to reduce complexity on the receiver and to save time and frequency acquisition time in the receiver. The proposed sequence is specifically optimized with respect to all other synchronization symbols that are used to construct the synchronization and training preambles for the BCCH-DLCHs.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of generating a synchronization preamble signal for a Broadcast (BCCH) channel of an OFDM system, the method comprising the steps of:

generating OFDM symbols by modulating the subcarriers $S_{-26,26}$ of the OFDM symbol as follows:

$S_{-26,26} = \{0,0,0,0,S1,0,0,0,S2,0,0,0,S3,0,0,0,S4,0,0,0,S5,0,0,0,S6,0,0,0,S7,0,0,0,S8,0,0,0,S9,0,0,0,S10,0,0,0,S11,0,0,0,S12,0,0,0\};$

generating a time domain signal of the first part (A-FIELD) of the preamble signal by inverse Fast Fourier Transforming OFDM symbols;

the preamble signal being characterized in that the frequency domain sequence $S1 \dots S12$ of the modulated subcarriers of the first part (A-FIELD) is:

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +A, +A, +A, +A, -A, -A, +A, +A, -A, +A, -A;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +A, +A, +A, -A, -A, +A, +A, -A, +A, -A, +A;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +B, -A, -B, -A, -B, -A, -B, -A, +B, +A, -B;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +B, -A, -B, +A, -B, +A, -B, +A, -B, -A, +B;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, -B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, -B, +A, +B;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, -B, -A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, -A, -B;$ or

an order reversed modification thereof in which the values of $S1$ to $S6$ are swapped with $S12$ to $S7$, respectively, such that $S1$ is replaced by $S12$, $S2$ is replaced by $S11$, \dots , and $S12$ is replaced by $S1$, wherein:

$$A = \exp(j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \phi_A),$$

$$B = A \cdot \exp(j \cdot \pi / 2), \text{ and}$$

$$0 \leq \phi_A \leq 1.$$

2. A method of synchronizing a receiver of an OFDM transmission system, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a preamble structure signal; and

autocorrelating the received preamble structure signal;

wherein the preamble structure signal comprises at least one first part (A-FIELD) which time domain signal is generated by inverse Fast Fourier Transforming OFDM symbols generated by modulating the subcarriers $S_{-26,26}$ of the OFDM symbol as follows:

$S_{-26,26} = \{0,0,0,0,S1,0,0,0,S2,0,0,0,S3,0,0,0,S4,0,0,0,S5,0,0,0,S6,0,0,0,S7,0,0,0,S8,0,0,0,S9,0,0,0,S10,0,0,0,S11,0,0,0,S12,0,0,0\};$

the preamble signal being characterized in that the frequency domain sequence $S1 \dots S12$ of the modulated subcarriers of the at least one first part (A-FIELD) is:

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +A, +A, +A, +A, -A, -A, +A, +A, -A, +A, -A;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +A, +A, +A, -A, -A, +A, +A, -A, +A, -A, +A;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +B, -A, -B, -A, -B, -A, -B, -A, +B, +A, -B;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, +B, -A, -B, +A, -B, +A, -B, +A, -B, -A, +B;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, -B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, +B, -A, -B, +A, +B;$

$S1 \dots S12 = +A, -B, -A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, +A, +B, -A, -B;$ or

an order reversed modification thereof in which the values of $S1$ to $S6$ are swapped with $S12$ to $S7$, respectively, such that $S1$ is replaced by $S12$, $S2$ is replaced by $S11$, \dots , and $S12$ is replaced by $S1$, wherein:

$$A = \exp(j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \phi_A),$$

$$B = A \cdot \exp(j \cdot \pi / 2), \text{ and}$$

$$0 \leq \phi_A < 1.$$

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